

## MASS INTENTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2020

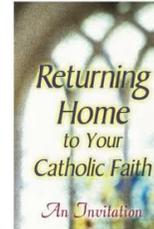
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sr Susan Asher's Int's
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday: Church resumes regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP (Mary)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Martin & Family (Maree Kavanagh)
	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Rose McMorrow (B'day) (Maureen Perry)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Paul & Bried's Int's (Maureen Perry)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Agnes & Colin Lamb RIP (Anni) (Margaret Duffy)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mary Piotrowski RIP (Chris Piotrowski)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Gerard Pampellonne RIP (Kathleen Pampellonne)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Peter McRory RIP & Dec'd of McRory family (Geri Fitzgibbon)
	10.30am	Holy Hour Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sr. Susan Asher Int's
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ebert Fernando RIP (Christine Fernando)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Warwick Young RIP (Karl Britz)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Mrs K Mulvaney RIP (Eileen Lee)

**BOOKING MASSES:** At present there are many openings for Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass for a particular intention, please write your details on an envelope and post it through the letterbox at the presbytery. You can Gift Aid your intentions just put the GA number on envelope. Place your Mass offering in the envelope. Thank you!

## St. Edmund of Canterbury & St. Thomas More Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year 2020

Dear Friends in Christ

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 2020



Once again it was wonderful to see so many people returning to Sunday Mass. With our children returning to school, and families trying their best to maintain some semblance of normality during these difficult times, it is imperative that our lives of faith should also continue with the practice of weekly faith. It was wonderful to have been able to live-stream, literally from day one, but as Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, said last weekend, with the Holy Father's approval, it is "necessary and urgent" to return to in-person Masses as soon as coronavirus lockdowns permit. I think we would all agree with this sentiment. Unfortunately, negative reporting doesn't help; it has evoked an atmosphere of fear and anxiety in many people. If we are sensible, following Governmental guidelines, practicing social distancing, washing our hands regularly, using sanitisers, wearing face coverings, manifestly this will assist in helping to protect everyone. Sadly, not everyone adheres to these guidelines. It has been noted statistically that the highest rate of transmission at present is now in the younger age groups. The 'rule of 6' is there to protect us.

As the autumn and winter months rapidly approach, and as colds and winter flu emerge, it is so important that our Senior Citizens get their flu vaccine as soon as possible. Scientifically it has been observed that the wearing of face coverings and the washing and sanitising of hands will certainly decrease the likelihood of catching colds and flu, let alone Covid 19. STAY ALERT! Obviously, of late, many people have lowered their guard, hence the increase of cases.

As you know the Church has been open since 4<sup>th</sup> July; many parishioners have returned to the weekly practice of faith. But many have not, especially families. With the return to school, I would like to encourage our families to come back to church. I sent a letter out a couple of days ago 'COME BACK TO ME', and hope you've had a chance to read it. We have employed every measure possible to ensure the safety of all our parishioners. Keep Safe & Well!





**ADDITIONAL SEATING:** Our Health & Safety Committee have managed to add some additional seating in the Church, and in the Library (just off the porch). I do ask all our parishioners to kindly follow the directions of the Stewards who will show you to your seats. Please move right into the benches; obviously families can sit

close together in their ‘family bubble’, but please ensure social distancing wearing your face coverings. Also, for Holy Communion make sure there is a metre plus from the person in front of you as you process to the Altar. Thank you! My thanks to Iain McLay who has set up a speaker just outside the church. This will accommodate any overspill, and you will be able to hear very clearly.

**ADDITIONAL MASS:** With the additional mass at 10.00am, the turnaround has to be very quick; it is imperative that the cleaning of the benches takes place as quickly as possible after the 9.00am & 10.00am masses. We still need some more Stewards. Or, if you can assist with the sanitising of the benches after the masses, this would be of great assistance to us.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Each year the RCIA programme – often referred to as the Journey of Faith – is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Faith. It offers the enquirer the opportunity to explore in a systematic way all the aspects of Catholicism. There is a Weekly talk and discussion for about an hour and quarter. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling in the programme which will commence this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. I have had one enquirer already. If you’re interested, or you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know about this programme; ask them to contact me at the presbytery Tel 020 8508 3492. It’s still not too late!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



**BAPTISMS:** We have been given permission to resume the Baptism of infants in our churches. Manifestly, families are allowed up to 30 persons to be present in the Church, practicing Social distancing and wearing a face covering. Many baptisms were put on hold with the lockdown. But I

would encourage you to have your babies baptised now. The Church is open for weekly Sunday Mass, and we are trying to get back to some semblance of normality. Life cannot be put on hold forever! Please contact Fr. John to arrange Baptism dates. Tel No: 020 8508 3492.

## DIARY 2020

**PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED ONCE AGAIN AT ST. EDMUND’S. WE ARE STRICTLY FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTAL & DIOCESAN GUIDELINES ON HEALTH & SAFETY. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS IN PLACE. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO RETURN TO WEEKLY MASS WITH YOUR FAMILY. THANK YOU!**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SICK IN OUR PARISH:**

Margaret Baldwin, Brian Beveridge, Jane Downs, Steve Dalglish, James Geller, Veronica Godsave, Bernadette Hall, Ann Hawkes, Claire Howes, Pamela Houghton, Shaun Keel, Angela Long, Lilian Mothersole, Sheila Murphy, John McKernan, Rosemary O’Rourke, Kathleen Pomeroy, Barbara Pope, Geraldine Taylor, Vera Taylor, Mary Walstow, Mary Witten, James Wright. And all our loved ones.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Olivelle RIP, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all of our deceased loved ones, Requiescant in Pace.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** £424.23 With continued thanks for your Weekly Offering. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme there are application forms in the Church Porch, or ask Fr. John for a form. If you forget your envelope, there are spares in the Porch. Thank you!

**THE SISTERS AT CHIGWELL CONVENT:** Would be most grateful for your used postage stamps for their Missions. There is a Box in the Porch of the Church for the stamps. Especially all your Christmas Stamps. With many thanks!

**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLIICATIONS:** Parents, you need to make an application through Essex County; this can be done online. Applications have to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Certificate of Catholic Practice has to be completed by the Parish Priest.

**NO MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Unfortunately there have been very few Mass Intention requests; therefore, there are many openings. If parishioners would like mass intentions for any occasion or anniversary, please put your request & mass offering in an envelope and drop off at the Presbytery as soon as possible. TY!

**BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH:** If you have a child due for Baptism please let me know as soon as possible. To avoid any disappointment with dates, contact the Presbytery to book your date. If you are first-time parents, you need to contact Sharon Chalk, who will organise a Baptismal Preparation of two sessions, and then I will come and visit you in your homes. Please don't forget to collect your Baptismal Information Form.

**EPHING FOREST FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Thank you to all parishioners who continue to generously donate items for the Foodbank during these difficult times. Your donations are needed as much as ever now by people in our area who are struggling to put food on the table. Basic staple items are always welcome including the unbranded supermarket basic ranges which can make your generous donations go even further. Currently they are in urgent need of the following items: instant mash, tinned meat, packet noodles, savoury crackers, sponge puddings, crisps, snack bars, laundry tablets (small and medium) bars of soap and hand sanitisers. Thank you! You can also keep up to date with the Foodbank via their facebook page: [www.facebook.com/EppingForestFoodbank/](http://www.facebook.com/EppingForestFoodbank/)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** One child will celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday this week. This is a special time for the children, who have been preparing since last September. It's extremely important that all those children and their families who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks start attending weekly mass once again.



Obviously, during these unusual times this celebration will only be for their immediate families. My sincere & grateful thanks to our Catechists Kathryn, Elena & their helpers.

**REPOSITORY:** There are a variety of Religious gifts and items available for First Communicants. Cards, statues, rosaries, medals, prayers books, candles There is a cash box to leave your money. The church is open from 10.30am – 11.30am each day Monday – Saturday.

**IN CASES OF EMERGENCY:** Tuesday is usually Fr. John's Day Off. In Cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either in Epping – Tel: 01992 572516, or the St. Thomas of Canterbury Friary at Woodford Green – Tel: 020 8504 1688. This would also apply if Fr. John is away for a few days break or on Retreat. All the local funeral directors have a contact number for Fr. John if a funeral needs to be arranged in his absence.

**PARISH BAZAAR THIS YEAR?** With the uncertainty regarding the Covid 19 Pandemic, I have made an executive decision not to have our annual Parish Bazaar this year. Instead, it would be good to have a 'Big Grand Draw' with really good prizes, (about 20 prizes). I know its early days, but if anyone would like to donate really good prizes for the Draw these will be gratefully accepted. Money Prizes, Colour Television, I Pad, Kindle, X Box, Crate of Wine, Restaurant Vouchers, Various Hampers (large & small), Large Bottle of Champagne, Large Bottle of Whiskey/Brandy, Health Spa Treatment, Theatre Vouchers, Set of Crystal Glasses, Men's / Ladies Watches, Obviously, it would be good to know in advance so we can publish a list of prizes. If you can donate a really good prize please speak to Fr. John. Tel No: 020 8508 3492 \_



**ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS.** This is an exciting and extremely worthwhile opportunity to become involved in the Catholic education of our children at a primary school at the heart of our Parish, which was rated 'Good' following its most recent Ofsted inspection. No previous experience of school governorship is required, but those with a knowledge of business and/or employment practice, financial or property management, or of course education, would be particularly welcome for this vital voluntary work at the heart of our parish. If you are a practicing Catholic, enjoy working as part of a team, and are willing to make the necessary time-commitment, to find out more please contact the current Chair, Hugh Arthur, at [hgarthur@outlook.com](mailto:hgarthur@outlook.com), or let Fr John know of your interest - and if you know of someone else you think might be suitable, please pass on this information to them.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** As you know were only just celebrating First Holy Communion for our children (postponed from May). The likelihood is that we will begin our Communion Programme & Confirmation Programme after Christmas. I have spoken to the Catechists, and they are in agreement with this. (Our Bishop Alan is supposed to make a Pastoral Visitation in 2021 celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation). Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

**TRINITY CATHOLIC HIG SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021**

In response to the COVID-19 situation and due to extraordinary circumstances this year, the school has commissioned a virtual tour of Trinity Catholic High School, which can be found on our website (<https://fc.tchs.uk.net/>). The school has taken this decision, not to expose our prospective parents to any unnecessary risks. The school realizes that you, as parents, may be disappointed with regard to this but please be aware that we only have the interests of the parents, and our school community, at the forefront of this decision, and would not wish to disadvantage any parents who may not feel able to attend. The website contains a lot of information regarding Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 teaching and the School Prospectus contains details of the life of the school. Please contact Mrs L Scrivens, Admissions Officer, on [LScrivens@tchs.uk.net](mailto:LScrivens@tchs.uk.net), if you have any further queries and this will be passed onto the relevant department.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2020. Please note that applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own Local Authority. This application will then need to be returned to the applicants own Local Authority. For applicants wishing to submit a Certificate of Catholic Practice, this Diocesan document can be obtained through your parish priest, on the Diocesan website or the priest who will be signing your form. You will also need to complete a SIF form which can be found on the Trinity website, under Year 7 – 11 Admissions.

Parents will be able to drop these documents off at the Sydney Road entrance in the drop box, not directly to the school office as visitors will not be allowed on site. Please contact the office via the buzzer on the gate to let them know that documentation has been left. Please provide a SAE if you require a receipt'.

May I thank you once again for your help and support with this process and please do not hesitate to contact me if any questions arise.

With every good wish.  
Yours sincerely  
Dr P C Doherty OBE  
Headmaster



**FEELING A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE:** About attending Sunday Mass; we have set up a Speaker outside the Church; and parishioners can practice

Social distancing outside as well. Obviously if you attend as a family, you can sit closely together in the Church. Alternate benches have been blocked off, and with the wearing of Face Coverings we are complying with regulations.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS:** If you are genuinely unable to attend one of the Sunday Masses, the Bishops Conference of England & Wales has strongly recommended that you make the extra special effort to attend one of the Weekday Mass, at present being celebrated daily at 10.00am. Please wear a Face Covering. Live streaming is still available daily just go to the Website of St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton

**THANK YOU:** I would like to sincerely thank all those parishioners who have volunteered as Stewards, at our Sunday Masses, and for the hour of private prayer during the week. I'm truly grateful for your generosity of spirit and service to the whole parish community. It's truly wonderful to see! We have purchased special cleaning materials for the benches & surfaces, and they are cleaned every time they are used by parishioners. If you would like to volunteer as a Steward, please contact Iain McLay Tel No: 07806 998187

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE:** For parishioners who are in the vulnerable age bracket 70 plus, (It's your prerogative to attend Mass). Or if you have underlying health issues or are displaying symptoms of Corona virus **PLEASE STAY AT HOME.**

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY:** My sincere thanks to those who are making their weekly contribution of Gift Aid envelopes and through the banking system that has been set up through the Diocese whereby your Offertory can be paid directly into the Parish Account, details below:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=loughton>

Or you can use Parish Bank Account: Using Online Banking

HSBC Sort Code 40-13-22

Account Number: 11019651

Please put your name as reference and your Gift Aid number if you have one. If you can set it up as a regular payment this would be excellent and save a lot of time in the future. If you don't have GIFT AID this is a good time to start, you can do this by e-mailing Maria Mosquera ([mjm70@hotmail.com](mailto:mjm70@hotmail.com)). With continued thanks for your generosity.

God Bless You All Fr. John

**URGENT (AND FUN) APPEAL TO EVERYONE**

**Our very own Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs), like many charities this year, has seen a considerable drop in income. Sponsored walks and other fund-raising events have all had to be cancelled because of the corona virus crisis. Conversely, due to lockdown, bccs counsellors have been extremely busy dealing with an increased number of children and families in need of help during these unprecedented times.**

**As most of you know, bccs provides much-needed help and loving care to children and families throughout our Diocese and the generosity of donors to support their vital work is needed now more than ever before.**

**This is where we can help – and have a bit of fun too!**

**Bccs has signed up to take part in a 'virtual' walk being organised by the Fun Walk Trust, inviting participants to walk 2k or 5k anywhere, and at any time, during the month of September.**

**We hope that many of you will want to take part, get your family and friends to sponsor your 'walk' and raise as much as you can for bccs.**

**We're getting further details from bccs shortly and, when these arrive and with Fr. John's full support, Iain McLay has kindly agreed to attach all details, sponsorship forms, etc. when he emails the weekly newsletter to everyone. Those on WhatsApp will also get the information, plus we're planning to have some hard copies available in the Church porch.**

**We do hope that many of you will take part, have fun walking and 'persuading' people to sponsor you and so raise much-needed funds for the vital work of bccs**

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